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NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on **Tuesday**, March 14, 2017, beginning no earlier than **9:00 a.m**. There will not be a Delegates Forum.

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NOTICE

This notice has been made to amend the September 2015 notice. The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Shannon Huffman (North, SC) from AKC registration

privileges for three months and imposed a $500 fine, effective September 10, 2015, for her submission of an online litter registration application and causing to be submitted two dog registration applications, on behalf of the third party without filing a properly completed Power of Attorney form. (German Shepherd Dog)

NOTICE

Ms. Monica Monroe (Haysville, KS) Action was taken by the National Shiba Club of America for conduct at its October 14-18, 2015 event. Ms. Monroe was charged with neglect at or in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty at a one year suspension from all AKC privileges and a $1000 fine, effective July 1, 2016. (Shiba Inu, Dogo Argentino)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has reprimanded Mr. Marc Kelly (Eugene, OR) for submitting an online litter registration application without written permission of the co-litter owners. (Australian Shepherd, Boston Terrier)

NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Cheryl Cleveland (West Brookfield, MA) from all AKC privileges for one year and imposed a $1000 fine, effective June 9, 2015, for non-compliance with AKC's record keeping and dog identification requirements, and the AKC's Care and Conditions Policy (unacceptable conditions, dogs and/or facility). (Cocker Spaniel)

NOTICE

At its October 2016 meeting, the American Kennel Club Board of Directors suspended the judging privileges of Mr. Eric Ringle for a period two (2) months effective October 17, 2016 and a fine of $200.00 for conduct unbecoming of an AKC Approved Judge by injecting personal advantage or consideration using his status as a Judge to influence the Event Committee by threatening to cancel his assignment without sufficient reason.

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The American Kennel Club will, at the request of a judge or judge applicant, provide that individual with copies of letters received regarding their judging qualifications. As a result, it should be understood that any such correspondence will be made available, upon request, to the judge or judge applicant.

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It is the responsibility of all Conformation and Junior Showmanship judges to notify the Judging Operations Department of any changes or corrections to their address, phone, fax or emails. These changes are very important because they affect your judges' record, the web site and the Judges Directory. Please notify Judging Operations by email at *judgingops@akc.org.*

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EMERITUS RALLY JUDGES

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APPLICATION FOR BREED-SPECIFIC REGISTERED NAME PREFIX

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been submitted to The American Kennel Club. Letters in regard to these applications should be addressed to James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary:

CAMELOT HOUSE – Golden Retrievers – Sheila M. Cook
CLARIDGE – Golden Retrievers – Dorothy C. Gilreath & John F. Gilreath
COBRNIK – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Diana L. Cook
FIRELIGHT – Vizslas – Karen Beckwith
KANNA – Belgian Tervuren – Rebecca L. Grinsell
MOONBABY – Miniature American Shepherds – Melissa Zobell
SAFARI – Schipperkes – Beth Lilly & Megan Lilly
SHORTALES – German Shorthaired Pointers – Leita A. Estes
SUMMERRAIN – Australian Shepherds – Hana L. Spitz

REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted:
ALKI'S – Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs – Nancy A. Sturgis
BARNIC – Doberman Pinschers – Barb L. Valerio
CALICREEK – Labrador Retrievers – Debra A. Adams
CLAYBROOK – Norwich Terriers – Feroline B. Higginson
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YOUNGGUN – Labrador Retrievers – William G. Harrell

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AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOVEMBER 7 - 8, 2016

The Board convened on Monday November 7, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. All Directors were present, except Mr. Gladstone. Also present were the Executive Secretary, the Assistant Executive Secretary, the Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel, as well as the Executive Vice President and Chief Growth Officer.

The October 2016 Board minutes, copies of which were made available to all Directors, were discussed. Upon a motion by Mr. Kalter, seconded by Mr. Arnold, the October 2016 minutes were unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an Executive Session to discuss the filing of AKC's 2015 990 Form.
Representatives of KPMG, AKC's auditors were present for this discussion.
During the Executive Session the Board ratified the minutes of the Executive Session held on October10, 2016, recording its approval of AKC's indemnification policy and the new Administrative Support Agreement between the AKC and the AKC Museum of the Dog.

Dogue de Bordeaux Society Member Disputes Update

Ms. Heather McManus, AKC Deputy General Counsel, and Michael Liosis, AKC Director of Compliance were present for this portion of the meeting.
As the result of internal club disputes, the show-giving privileges of the Dogue de Bordeaux Society of America are on hold at this time. The parties to the club's internal complaints are currently in negotiations to settle their matters, and if not able to do so, to bring the matter to arbitration.

Legal Status Report

Ms. McManus, Deputy General Counsel, presented a status report on pending litigation and other Legal activities for the month of October 2016.

Board Tracking Report

The Board reviewed a tracking report of high impact staff projects at AKC that have been Board approved.

FINANCE

Joseph Baffuto, CFO, presented unaudited financial results through the ten month period ended October 31, 2016. Total revenues recorded of $53.9 million were 3.5% above Budget and 7.5% above last year. Overall operating expenses of $48.7 million

were below Budget by $1.6 million, or 3.2%, but $5.6 million or 13% above last year. Operating income of $5.2 million is outperforming Budget but is below last year's comparison of $7.1 million through October 31, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an Executive Session consisting of reports from both of AKC's LLC's, AKC PetCare and AKC Link. Nothing was reported out of this session. Mr. Ashby briefly reported on FIDO TV household penetration.

DELEGATE JUDGES

The Board discussed the proposal from the Delegates Bylaws Committee to waive the Judges Application Fee for Delegates. The rationale given was that Delegates judges may not charge a fee to recoup this application fee. In October, the Board voted not to implement this proposal. In discussion, it was pointed out that any perceived inequality imposed on Delegate Judges was imposed by the Delegates, who could remove the restriction on Delegate Judges charging a fee if they wished to do so, rather than exempting Delegates from the fee that all judges pay. There was no motion to reconsider the vote the Board took on the matter in October.

AKC DNA MARKERS

Mark Dunn, AKC Senior Vice President Registration and Customer Development, reported on AKC's DNA parentage identification program.

AKC currently uses the STR (Short Tandem Report) markers as it has since the mid 1990's to determine parentage. This technology is being replaced by SNP's (Single-Nucleotide Polymorphism). The latter is more effective in determining parentage between closely related sires and it is already being used for other species such as cattle. The advantages of SNP's are:

- Greater abundance in the genome
- Suitable to automation
  - Analysis
  - Data interpretation

This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

EVENT FOCUS GROUP SUMMARY

Doug Ljungren, AKC Vice President Sports and Events and Elizabeth Sorota, AKC Vice President Marketing participated in this portion of the meeting, with Doug Ljungren participating by video conference.

This was a report on the findings of six focus groups conducted on October 17 and 18, 2016. This work is part of an AKC wide effort to boost participation in AKC events to benefit dogs and our Club structure. The focus groups were designed to:

- Gain understanding of current perception of AKC
- Discover perceptions of and interest in

dog events/sports activities.
- Learn the reaction to several potential dog events/sports.

There were three focus groups in Houston, Texas, and three in Tarrytown, New York. The three in each city were comprised of those owning AKC registered purebreds, non-registered purebreds, and mixed breeds. Most participants expressed an interest in events which would be fun for the dog and the family. The greatest numbers were interested in breed evaluations, Retrieving Ability Tests, CGC, AKC STAR Puppy, Tricks and Agility ACT classes. Participants also expressed the need to time considerations in creating events given the "time starved" nature of their lives. Several groups of participants suggested a festival/fair type of activity with multiple individual events. The notion of these events would be to give them an opportunity to see and participate in a variety of events to perhaps choose where they would focus their time with their dog.

The next steps are to:
- Mosaic Study will provide insights into targeting opportunities and messaging to drive Conformation and Agility. This will be presented at a future Board Meeting.
- Promote STAR Puppy and CGC.
- Evaluate viability of a Multi-Event concept.
- Onboarding of Events should incorporate fun and on site learning.
- Onboarding should also provide support with videos, how to communicate, and other ways to educate prospective participants.

The Board adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting reconvened on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 8:00 am.
All Directors were present, except Mr. Wooding. Also present were the Executive Secretary, the Assistant Executive Secretary, the Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel, as well as the Executive Vice President and Chief Growth Officer.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mari-Beth O'Neill Vice President Sport Services participated in this portion of the meeting by video conference.

Show Territory

Following a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Arnold, the Board VOTED (unanimously; absent Mr. Wooding) to approve a proposal from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to amend *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 2, Section 3, regarding show territory to enable the AKC, upon appeal, to approve a club for the holding of a show at a site within the area of another club, if it believes that the permission of the host club has unreasonably been denied.
Approved wording follows (underlined):

SECTION 3. Each club or association which shall hold a show in its territory at least once in every two consecutive calendar years shall have the sole show privilege in the city, town or district of its assigned territory. A club may be approved to hold a show in another club's territory if the written consent is obtained from the club assigned to that territory.
If the club in whose territory the show is to be held does not respond to the written request or unreasonably withholds such written consent, the other club may appeal to the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club after one month from the time consent was requested. The parties shall present their contentions, in writing, to a committee appointed by said Board, or appointed by the President of the American Kennel Club if between Board meetings, or in the President's absence, appointed by the Executive Secretary. Said committee may, in its discretion, issue an approval to the other club to hold such show within the assigned club's territory.

This proposed rule change will be read at the December Delegate meeting for a VOTE at the March 2017 meeting.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment (Parent Club Membership)

The Board considered an amendment to Article IV of the ***Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Inc.*** submitted by the Catoctin Kennel Club.
The amendment would have provided for a national breed club to become a member concurrent with breed recognition if the club met the requirements in ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 2 and 3 of the AKC Bylaws. Subsequent to the submission of the proposed amendment, AKC developed a mentoring program with the Delegate Parent Clubs Committee to facilitate the pathway to full AKC membership for these national breed clubs using the following process:

Formal presentation for AKC club status is sent to Club Relations for review and bylaw commentary to follow, if necessary.

Request to move into Miscellaneous submitted to AKC Board—date of entry January 1, or on or about July 1.

Eligibility to request full recognition:

While in the Miscellaneous Class the club will be working with a facilitator, a Delegate from the Parent Club Delegate Committee, to gain further understanding of the responsibilities of a Parent Club. The Parent Club self-study materials will be provided to the club to utilize as they develop.

- Club Business and Annual Meeting/Elec-

tion to be conducted in accordance with constitution and bylaws.
- Constitution and bylaws with AKC-suggested revisions implemented, if applicable, to be reviewed by Club Relations and approved.
- Minutes of Board and Annual Meeting submitted and reviewed.
- Membership updated annually—correct format, as well as including a separate electronic membership-list upload using officer-issued access code.
- Parent Club conducts minimum of two Open Shows for all Miscellaneous and FSS breeds (minimum of six months apart, geographically distributed).
- Confirmation of Board-approved interest in applying for Member Club status once licensed for conformation.
- Membership growth to approximately 100 members, with reasonable geographic distribution. Minimum of five dogs earning CM titles owned by Parent Club members.
- Growth in registration of litters and dogs—minimum of 300 dogs with three-generation pedigrees.
- A minimum of 20 litters bred and enrolled while the breed is in Miscellaneous to ensure that the breed is established and sustainable.

Adopting the proposed amendment could have the effect of undermining the above process, as clubs could simply meet the minimum criteria in the AKC Bylaws and, for example, decline the offer of mentoring by AKC and the Delegate Parent Clubs Committees.

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstone, seconded by Mr. Dok, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Mr. Wooding) to disapprove the proposed amendment.

Cesky Terrier Proposed Breed Standard Revision

Following a motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED to approve for publication the proposed revisions to the Cesky Terrier breed standard as submitted by the American Cesky Terrier Association, Inc. (ACTA). The club specifically addressed issues that were not correctly translated from the FCI standard and the deletion of the color brown from the standard. The AKC Board approved the current breed standard for the Cesky Terrier on October 18, 2010. The standard will be published on the AKC Secretary's Page for comment.

Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Eligibility to Compete in the Hound Group

The Board reviewed the request from the Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America (GBVCA) for approval of its breed standard. The GBVCA is also seeking acceptance into the AKC Stud Book and for the breed to be eligible to compete in the Hound Group. Staff recommends that the AKC Board of Directors approve the petition as well as the breed standard. This will be discussed further at the January 2017 Board

meeting.

Parent Club Designation and Requirements for Breed Recognition

The AKC Board requested a review of the procedures in which a breed advances from the Foundation Stock Service to full recognition to include a Board Committee review and mentorship by a subcommittee of the Parent Club Delegate Committee. The Board reviewed the Staff's recommended revisions to the approval process of a breed Parent Club and changes to the progression from FSS to full recognition. This will be discussed further at the January meeting. The proposal submitted by the Delegate Parent Club Committee's Sub Committee to address the involvement of Delegates as mentors to clubs for breeds working towards AKC recognition is as follows:

Mission Statement

The Subcommittee on Non-Member Parent Clubs is committed to working with non–AKC member Parent Clubs to facilitate their pathway to full AKC Member Club status.

Goal

All non–AKC member-recognized Parent Clubs seeking Member Club status are assisted by the Subcommittee on Non-Member Parent Clubs on the pathway to AKC Member Club recognition.

Process

Working cooperatively with the AKC Sport Services and Club Relations departments, the members of the above Subcommittee will:

Establish contact with appropriate representatives of the non–AKC member recognized Parent Clubs representing the breeds approved for the Miscellaneous Classes and additional Parent Clubs who are committed to becoming so recognized;

By use of mentoring and self-study tools the Committee members will provide assistance to these clubs as required through assessment of supporting documentation, meetings, referral and consultation with designated AKC staff;

Seek to streamline the procedure through avoiding duplication, promoting efficient use of resources and establishing reasonable timelines, and assisting the non–AKC member clubs as appropriate and necessary along the pathway to full recognition as AKC Member Clubs.

Communications Department Q3 Report

The Board reviewed the AKC Communications department's quarterly report on media coverage totals and activities highlights.

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Times Square Billboard

Starting October 29th, the AKC began airing our PSA messaging and logo in Times Square. Currently airing are the responsible breeder PSA and the responsible dog ownership PSA. The billboard is located at 43rd St and Broadway, directly across from Nasdaq and the main Times Square subway station. It can also be seen from 42nd St.

The billboard is a 29' x 56' with a full HD screen. The board will remain active through the holiday season and continue until January 31, 2017. Over 450 million people pass through Times Square annually; 80 million of those are during the holiday season. The PSA's will run 3 times per hour, 20 hours per day for a total of 5,600 times.

BUSINESS UPDATE

Alexandra Aleskovsky, Executive Vice President and Chief Growth Officer gave the Board a business update as follows.

DNA and Health Testing

Mark Dunn, Senior Vice President of Registration and Customer Development, presented the DNA section.

Research was being done to gauge the interest of breeders in DNA health testing and in including health testing information on AKC pedigrees. This would require modernizing AKC's current DNA technology.

Registration

It was reported that year-to-date litter registrations are 7% higher than 2015, while individual dog registrations are up by 9%

Marketing

AKC has relaunched its E-Commerce Store for 2016. Store traffic is up by 93% and E-Commerce revenue is up by 88%. New holiday offerings are being sold.

Pupdate

The AKC Pupdate initiative in cooperation with Purina is aimed to connect new dog owners with information they need to welcome a puppy into their home over the first 18 months of its life as well as connect them to AKC and all we offer from information, events, to Clubs. The initial launch of this program has been well received. The test results have exceeded AKC marketing as well as industry benchmarks.

Social Media

Social media continues to drive AKC outstanding reach and engagement. The quality of our content continues to attract increasing numbers of unique visitors and we are the number 1 content site among all dog sites. This builds the reputation of AKC as the dogs champion and is contributing to growth in other areas such as registration.

Business Development

Royalties on AKC licensed products have grown by 40% from the second to the third quarter and is tracking 21% higher year over year to date. In addition, an update of our packaging is underway to make it more consistent, contemporary, and appealing to consumers.

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CLUBS

A report was provided on Member Club Bylaws approved in September and October:

Staten Island Kennel Club, Richmond County (1939)

Trenton Kennel Club, Trenton, NJ (1932)

A report was provided on new clubs licensed in September and October:

Eastern Nebraska Boston Terrier Club, greater Omaha

Gateway Hound Club, greater St. Louis, MO

Gateway Upland Hunt Club, greater Granite City, IL

Greater Tulsa Non-Sporting Dog Club, greater Tulsa, OK

Siberian Husky Club of Greater Greenville, SC,

COMPLIANCE

Heather McManus, Deputy General Counsel, and Michael Liosis, Director of Compliance, participated in this portion of the meeting. Marcus Bach, Director, Investigations and Inspections, and Wanda Forlines, Manager of Compliance, participated by video conference. The Compliance Division reported on quarterly inspection and department statistics through the third quarter.

Duration of Suspensions

There was a discussion on suspensions defined in terms of months. Traditionally, suspensions are given from a specific date in one month, ending on a specific date in another month. Depending on the date of the suspension, the duration of a supsension could vary from 29 to 32 days.

Following a motion by Mr. Gladstione, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Mr. Wooding) that a month's suspension would be 30 days in duration, effective November 8, 2016. An explanatory note will be added to the AKC Disiplinary Guidelines stating that a month is thirty (30) days.

The following AKC Management actions were reported:

(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary's Page.)

JUDGING OPERATIONS

Doug Ljungren, Vice President Sports and Events and Tim Thomas, Director Dog Show Judges, participated in this portion of the meeting by video conference.

Conformation Dog Show Judges Annual Report

The Board of Directors at its July 2015 meeting voted to adopt a new Conformation Judging Approval Process to be effective September 1, 2015. Staff was directed to provide the Board with an annual report to gauge the impact of the new Approval Process.

The report was to include statistics regarding the success of the process as well as to report on the exhibitors perceptions of conformation judging.

The Staff presented a memorandum with matrixes to aid in the evaluation of the program following the first year of the Conformation Judging Approval Process (effective September 1, 2015).

The statistics showed that the process had been well received by the judging community as a whole and, that after its first year, the number of applications for additional breeds has significantly increased. The number of additional groups granted has grown but not at the same rate of additional breeds approved. This was not unexpected with adoption of the new process.

Due to the fact that panels are set more than a year in advance for most shows, judges for newly approved breeds have had few or no assignments to date. Consequently there is no way to accurately assess their impact on exhibitor satisfaction with judging. The survey that was conducted as part of the annual report was actually a reflection of judges approved under previous processes. It will take several years for exhibitor opinions to flow through to survey results and thus reflect the efficacy of the new process.

AKC Canine College Status Update

The Staff provided the Board of Directors with a status report on the progress of the AKC Canine College. The AKC Canine College successfully launched on September 27, 2016. As of the date of the report, the AKC Canine College had a total of 1,031 unique visitors. Eighty-eight (88) of the 1,031 unique visitors have enrolled in a total of 1,030 courses or exams.

Overall, feedback provided has been overwhelmingly positive. It is expected that by January, Breed Standard Exams for the Non-Sporting and Herding Groups will be added to the already available Toy, Terrier, and Sporting Exams. Instructional Designers are working with the Parent Clubs to develop courses on the nine (9) breeds for which multimedia material has been gathered at various National Specialties.

Sweepstake Judges

The Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges provides: "Effective January 1, 2009 Sweepstake/Futurity judges may not exhibit on day(s) they judge. Sweepstake/Futurity judges will continue to be able to exhibit the day before and the day after they judge. A multi-day specialty is considered one event, and the restriction will apply for the duration of the event." A number of awards were cancelled at a show under this policy and the sweepstake judge requested that they be reinstated. There was no motion by the Board to consider this matter.

CONFORMATION

Doug Ljungren, Vice President Sports and

Events, Mari-Beth O'Neill, Vice President Sport Services, Glenn Lycan, Director Operation Support, Alan Slay, Director Event Programs, and Bri Tesarz, Manager Dog Show Rules, participated in this portion of the meeting via teleconference.

Geographically Isolated Show Policy

The Board reviewed a request to allow the Mount Ogden Kennel Club to hold a third show in a calendar year. Current policy requires an all-breed club to be located in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico or in a geographically isolated area to be able to hold more than two shows in a calendar year. The Board reviewed a staff proposal to add additional criteria to the Board policy defining a geographically isolated show. The additional criteria would allow a club or a group of clubs to be considered geographically isolated if that club or group is isolated based on availability of events in an area: If the average distance to the ten closest shows from a club's show site is greater than 200 miles, the club will be considered isolated. This change will allow approximately 10 additional clubs to hold up to 4 all-breed events in a calendar year. This will be discussed further at the January meeting.

Changes to Dogs Counted for Grand Championship Points Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 16, Section 6

The Board reviewed a request from the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee to amend *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 16, Section 6, to include non-regular, single dog entries in the calculation of Grand Championship points. If approved by the Board, the amended Chapter 16, Section 6, in the Rules Applying to Dog Show will be read at the March Delegate meeting and voted at the June Delegate meeting. If approved, the effective date will be November 1, 2017. This will be discussed further at the January meeting.

Concurrent Specialty Entry Limit

The Board reviewed an Event Operations Staff recommendation to modify the entry limit for concurrent specialties to provide clubs with more flexibility in holding events. The Board policy on concurrent specialties limits clubs to 100 entries per event in both the all-breed event and the specialty event. Under the current policy, a multi-day national specialty held as a concurrent specialty would be limited to 100 total entries. Staff recommends modifying the policy from 100 total entries per event to 100 total entries per day. This would provide more flexibility to multi-day national specialties held concurrently with all-breed and limited-breed events. There was no objection to this modification to the Board policy on Concurrent Specialty entry limits.

Professional Handlers in BPUP Events

At the request of a Board Member, staff reviewed the Regulations regarding the eligibility of professional handlers to exhibit in 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competitions (BPUP).

Currently, the BPUP Regulations do not allow professional handlers to exhibit dogs in BPUP competition, however dogs owned or co-owned by a professional handler may be exhibited by a non-professional handler. Given that the intent of the BPUP competition is to provide a friendly, non-intimidating and relaxed setting for new or less experienced exhibitors and given the lack of negative comments regarding the current situation, it is the staff's opinion that the current Regulations are appropriate.

AKC Code of Sportsmanship

The Board requested staff to evaluate the availability of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship at conformation events. The AKC Code of Sportsmanship was written to provide AKC customers with a list of expected behaviors to promote sportsmanship at AKC events. In many cases, the AKC Code of Sportsmanship is not visible or available at events. Initially, the AKC requested that the superintendents dedicate a page in every catalog to the printing of the Code, for most superintended shows this is still done. However, at some events that are not superintended, the Code is not available. AKC Executive Field Representatives carry documents which contain the Code; however, they are normally at superintended events. Staff recommends that without objection, Sports and Events will reaffirm that the AKC Code of Sportsmanship should appear in every event catalog. The AKC will add the Code to the Show Manual advising that it should be included in all AKC event catalogs. The Show Manual will include a link to the Code of Sportsmanship pdf. In addition, the AKC will provide superintendents with large laminated posters of the Code of Sportsmanship for display at the superintendent's table. Clubs may obtain posters free of charge upon request through the new Club Development Department. Staff was also requested to ask the superintendents, when space permits, to include the Code of Sportsmanship in the Judging Program furnished to exhibitors and when space doesn't permit the complete document to remind exhibitors of it within the judging schedule. There was no objection by the Board.

Mandatory Continuing Education

The Board of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America requested that AKC initiate a mandatory continuing education program for German Shepherd specialty judges once every five years using the resources of the AKC canine college and distance learning. Dr Battaglia made a motion that AKC comply with this request, but there was no second to that motion.

COMPANION AND PERFORMANCE

Doug Ljungren, Vice President Sports and Events, Pamela Manaton, Director of Obedience, Rally and Tracking and Carrie DeYoung, Director of Agility participated in this portion of the meeting by video

conference.

Allow Obedience Preferred Class Trials Without Regular Classes

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to allow clubs licensed for obedience to hold trials limited to the Preferred classes without offering the Regular classes. A Preferred class trial would be defined as one where the club offers the Preferred Novice, Preferred Open and/or the Preferred Utility classes without the Regular AKC classes. Currently, AKC does not allow the Preferred classes to be offered, unless the club also offers at least one of the Regular classes. The Non-Regular classes will be allowed to utilize the Preferred class jump heights in all obedience trials.

Clubs still will have the ability to offer the optional or non-regular classes like Beginner Novice and Veterans in addition to the Regular or Preferred class trials.

This recommendation is a change to Regulations and may be made by a vote of the Board. If approved, the change would become effective February 1, 2017. This will be discussed further at the January meeting.

Agility - Day of Show Entry Change Due To Measurement

The Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to allow a change in entry on the day of a show when a dog's measurement that day does not support the class in which they are entered. New exhibitors are most prone to making this error and then are often unable to show for that day or set of trials they have entered. This is change to the Regulations and may be made by a vote of the Board. This change, if approved, would become effective February 1, 2017. This will be discussed further at the January meeting.

Italian Greyhounds Eligible to Compete in Best in Field Competition

The Board reviewed a request from the Italian Greyhound Club of America (national club) to allow Italian Greyhounds to compete in Best In Field (BIF) competition. The current Regulations do not allow the breed in run in BIF. This is a change to Regulations and may be approved by a vote of the Board. If approved, the change would become effective February 1, 2017. This will be discussed further at the January meeting.

Herding Clubs Allowed to Hold Twelve Trials Per Year

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow clubs licensed for herding to hold up to twelve herding trials per calendar year. Currently the limit is ten. In 2015, 21% of the clubs held ten trials. Clubs usually hold two weekends of trials, one in the spring and one in the fall. More clubs are going to three days of herding per weekend with two trials per day. This requires twelve event numbers. This trend has particularly picked up in 2016, with more clubs requesting two additional trials to accommodate this combination. This is a change to Regulations and may be approved by a vote of the Board. If approved, the change would become effective February 1,

2017. This will be discussed further at the January meeting.

ASFA Certification Test to Count for Open Stake

The Board reviewed a recommendation to allow either the AKC Qualified Courser certificate or the American Sighthound Field Association (ASFA) Certification Course certificate to qualify a dog to be eligible to compete in an AKC lure coursing trial. Before a dog is eligible to compete in an AKC lure coursing trial it must pass an AKC Qualified Courser test to assure it is safe to run with another dog. The American Sighthound Field Association (ASFA) has an identical test called the Certification Course. This is a change to Regulations and may be approved by a vote of the Board. If approved, the change would become effective February 1, 2017. This will be discussed further at the January meeting.

Herding - Allowing Juniors to Handle a Dog in a Lower Level Class

The Board reviewed recommendation to allow juniors to handle a dog in a lower level herding class even if the dog has acquired a qualifying score at a higher level. Currently the Herding Regulations do not allow a dog that has acquired a qualifying score in a higher level class to enter a lower level class. This recommendation provides an exception to this regulation for junior handlers. This change is an effort to promote participation by juniors in herding. If this change is adopted, an accomplished dog that is handled by a junior in a lower class would not be eligible for High In Trial or Reserve HIT. This is a change to Regulations and may be approved by a vote of the Board. If approved, the change would become effective February 1, 2017. This will be discussed further at the January meeting.

CONSENT

A motion by Mr. Ashby, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, and following discussion, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the following Consent Items:

Delegate Approvals

Barbara M. Donahue, Coatesville, PA
To represent American Miniature Pinscher Club

Steven Hamblin, West Hollywood, CA
To represent Pekingese Club of America

Greg Seddon, Clarkston, MI
To represent Wolverine Retriever Club

Junior Showmanship Limited Shows

The Board VOTED to revise the *Conformation Junior Showmanship Regulations and Guidelines for Judging Juniors in Conformation* to allow a Limited Breed Show the option of offering Junior Showmanship for Juniors handling any breed. (Changes underlined)

Section 7. Eligibility of a Dog.
Each dog entered in a regular Junior showmanship Class at an all-breed dog show

must be of a breed eligible to compete in the conformation classes (including Miscellaneous Classes) at the event. A Limited Breed Dog Club, (Group Show), has the option to offer the opportunity for a Junior to show any breed eligible to be entered at an All breed event. Dogs may be PAL/ILP, Full-, or Limited-Registered to compete in Junior Showmanship Classes, additionally, spayed and neutered specimens are eligible for competition. A Foreign dog, from a registry accepted by AKC for Registration, of an AKC Recognized breed is eligible to be entered on its Foreign Number. Breeds excluded from competition at the event are not eligible. The dog must be entered in one of the classes associated with the event or must be entered for Junior Showmanship only. An eligible dog other than the one entered may be substituted. Such substitution must be accompanied by an official AKC entry form.

The junior must have the AKC number of the substitute dog. All such substitutions must be made with the Superintendent or Show Secretary at least one half hour prior to the judging of any Junior Showmanship Classes at the show. Each dog must be owned or co-owned by the Junior Handler or by the Junior Handler's father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather, or grandmother, including the corresponding step and half relations, or by a permanent member of the Junior Handler's household as recorded with The American Kennel Club at the time entries close or an application for transfer of ownership must be sent to The American Kennel Club by the new owner within seven days after the last day of the show.
BITCHES IN SEASON ARE NOT ELIGIBLE. At a Specialty Show, each dog must be of the breed for which the show is held. A Junior is limited to one substitution at a dog show. If one of the owners of the dog is a judge, the dog may be entered in Junior Showmanship Only to be exhibited by the Junior at an event where the judge is judging classes other than Junior Showmanship.

Pointing Breed National Championship Field Trial Held as Part of the AKC Gun Dog Championship

The Board VOTED to amend the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds* - Chapter 14, Section 26 - Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship, to allow a breed to hold their National Championship Field Trial as part of the AKC Gun Dog Championship provided that no National Championship for that breed was held the prior year.
The AKC Performance Events Department may approve a breed National Championship to be held as an embedded event within the AKC National Gun Dog Championship provided no National Championship for that breed was held the prior

year. Approval of the embedded event shall be at the discretion of the Performance Events Department depending on the specifics of the situation.

Conformation Judging Application Fees

The Board VOTED to approve the increase of all Conformation Judging application fees from $25 to $35 effective January 1, 2017. Under the current Board approved Judging Approval Process, applicants are required to submit a $25 fee for each breed they are requesting approval to judge. The fee requirement has been in place since March 1, 2002. The 2017 Budget proposal submitted by the Division 36 – Dog Show Judges, includes an increased revenue projection for 2017 which in part results from raising the application fee from $25 to $35. Adjusting for inflation, the $25 non-refundable processing fee adopted in 2001 is valued today at $33.97. The additional revenue will be used to hire the additional staff to handle the increase in judging applications that are being received under the new judge's approval process

Changes to Italicized Sections of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* Chapters 7 -10

The Board discussed proposed changes to sections of Chapters 7-10 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee.

(Changes underlined). Proposed (Line In)

CHAPTER 7

SECTION 1. Any reputable person who is in good standing with The American Kennel Club may apply for approval to judge any AKC recognized breed or breeds of purebred dogs, which in his or her opinion he or she is qualified by training and experience to pass upon.

The following persons will not be approved to judge if still engaged in these activities:

- Soliciting for kennel advertisements.
- Soliciting or selling dog food, dog remedy or kennel supplies.
- Brokering or trafficking in dogs.
- Serving as or employed by a licensed show superintendents or a professional show secretary.
- Showing dogs for others.
- Residing in the same żousehold with a professional handler or licensed show superintendent.

No Judge shall be granted a license to be a licensed superintendent.

No Judge may accept an assignment nor officiate at any event where a member of his or her household is involved to the extent that there might exist an actual conflict of interest or the reasonable appearance of a conflict of interest.

CHAPTER 8 – Section 2 becomes Chapter 2, Section 17 *This change moves this section to Chapter 2 which addresses the application process and what is required for event approval. The remaining chapter will be renumbered as well.)*

CHAPTER 10 becomes CHAPTER 9 (Additional wording changes underlined)

Chapter 9 -SECTION 2. Every club that holds a licensed or member show must provide one or more qualified veterinarians in attendance or contact information for one or more qualified veterinarians "on call." "On call" veterinarian must be available to treat any dog that becomes ill or injured at the dog show during show hours. It will be the responsibility of the owner or owner's agent to transport the dog to the veterinarian and for any cost associated with the dog's illness or injury. "On call" veterinarians are not required to be present at the event.
The judging program shall include the telephone number, address, and directions for the veterinarian "on call" or on site, and the directions to the nearest 24-hour animal emergency clinic, or if none, the most convenient veterinarian office.

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that it should be referred back to the Committee for further clarification.

It was VOTED to adjourn Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 12:30 pm.
Adjourned
Attest:

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James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary